Lifting of coal from CIL

852. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several small-scale units have been lifting coal from the Coal India Limited;

(b) whether it is also a fact that raids were conducted by the CBI in the premises of dealers at Ramgarh in Hazaribagh District and the Kokar Industrial area of Bihar on January 20, 1986;

(c) whether these units have been lifting coal under false declarations; and

(d) whether Government have investigated into the affairs of Coal India Limited and removed the alleged culprits officials of Coal India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No raids were conducted by the C.B.I. on 20-1-1986. However, raids were conducted by the CBI on 22-1-1986 and 24-1-1986 on the premises of some dealers and consumers of coal in Hazaribagh District and in Kokar Industrial area. The cases were registered by CBI on the allegation that the consumers involved had been lifting coal on false declaration of consumption of coal. The cases are under investigation by CBI. The question of taking action, if any, against the officials of Coal India Ltd., will arise only after the investigation is completed and if complicity on the part of officials of Coal India Limited is detected.

Safety measures in oil mining installation in the country

853. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of oil mining installations in the country are located close to residential areas and their managements have little or no control over the presense of naked lights which can cause fires;

(b) whether a Government review of the safety precautions at the various Oil installations has recently revealed that many of them have not taken several statutory steps which they are supposed to enforce under the Oil Mining Regulations, 1984 for the safety of Oil Workers, equipment and the residents living nearby;

(c) whether every Oil mine should have a contingency plan comprising an organisation plan, an equipment and a plan for training persons and the revealed that this had not been done in respect of most of the Oil Mines: and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The oil mining companies take protective measures against fire in all their installations including those located near residential area.

(b) to (d) The managements of all Oil Mines have to ensure that mines are worked in accordance with the provisions of the Oil Mines Regulations, 1984 framed under the